

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for capturing an image formed in a physical medium having imperfections, the method comprising:

positioning a physical medium in relationship to an image capturing device such that the physical medium has a first orientation;

capturing at least a first captured image representative of the image formed in the medium, at the first orientation;

positioning the physical medium in relationship to the image capturing device such that the physical medium has a second orientation, different from the first orientation;

capturing at least a second captured image representative of the image formed in the physical medium, at the second orientation;

analyzing the captured images to identify portions of the captured images corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium; and

forming a corrected image by removing, at least in part, the identified portions of the captured images corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium.

2. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium through a predetermined angle.

3. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium 90 degrees.

4. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium 120 degrees.

5. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the physical medium is positioned in the at least a second orientation by rotating the physical medium 180 degrees.

6. The method as in Claim 1, further comprising:
 positioning the physical medium in relationship to the image capturing device
 at least an additional time, such that the physical medium has at least a third
 orientation, different from the first orientation and the second orientation; and
 capturing at least a third captured image representative of the image formed in
 the physical medium, at the at least a third orientation.

7. The method as in Claim 1, wherein the at least two orientations of the physical
 medium allow image data to be captured by the image capturing device that otherwise
 would be blocked, shadowed, or otherwise obscured by a defect or defects.

1 8. A computer readable medium tangibly embodying a program of instructions,
2 said program of instructions including instructions capable of:

3 storing, at least temporarily, a first captured image representative of an image
4 formed in a physical medium, said physical medium having a first orientation when
5 said first captured image is captured;

6 storing, at least temporarily, a second captured image representative of the
7 image formed in said physical medium, said physical medium having a second
8 orientation when said second captured image is captured;

9 analyzing the captured images to identify portions of the captured images
10 corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium; and
11 forming a corrected image by removing, at least in part, the identified portions of the
12 captured images corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium.

1 9. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by a predetermined angle.

1 10. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by 90 degrees.

1 11. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by 120 degrees.

1 12. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by 180 degrees.

1 13. The computer readable medium as in Claim 8, wherein said program of
2 instructions is further capable of storing, at least temporarily, a third captured image
3 representative of the image formed in said physical medium, said physical medium
4 having a third orientation when said third captured image is captured.

1 14. An image processing system comprising:
2 at least one communications interface capable of receiving information from
3 an image capturing system;
4 at least one processor;
5 memory operably associated with said processor; and
6 a program of instructions capable of being stored in said memory and executed
7 by said processor; said program of instructions including instructions capable of:
8 storing, at least temporarily, a first captured image representative of an image
9 formed in a physical medium, said physical medium having a first orientation when
10 said first captured image is captured;
11 storing, at least temporarily, a second captured image representative of the
12 image formed in said physical medium, said physical medium having a second
13 orientation when said second captured image is captured;
14 analyzing said captured images to identify portions of the captured images
15 corresponding to imperfections in the physical medium; and
16 forming a corrected image by removing, at least in part, the identified portions of said
17 captured images corresponding to imperfections in said physical medium.

1 15. The image processing system as in Claim 14, further comprising an image
2 capturing system, said image capturing system capable of capturing representations of
3 images formed in said physical medium and transmitting information associated with
4 said captured representations through said communications interface.

1 16. The image processing system as in Claim 15, wherein said image capturing
2 system comprises a media holder, said media holder capable of rotating said physical
3 medium to position said physical medium in said first orientation and said second
4 orientation.

1 17. The image processing system as in Claim 15, wherein said image capturing
2 system is a scanner.

1 18. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by a predetermined angle.

1 19. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by 90 degrees.

1 20. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by 120 degrees.

1 21. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said second orientation
2 is offset from said first orientation by 180 degrees.

1 22. The image processing system as in Claim 14, wherein said program of
2 instructions further includes instructions capable of storing, at least temporarily, a
3 third captured image representative of the image formed in said physical medium, said
4 physical medium having a third orientation when said third captured image is
5 captured.